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SUBJ: INFORMATION ABOUT BOYCOTT PRACTICES: BANGLADESH

REF: A. STATE 250007; B. STATE 185350; C. 76 DACCA 5265

1. SINCE REF (C) THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION:

A. BANGLADESH DOES NOT NORMALLY GRANT ENTRY VISAS TO CITIZENS OF RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL, OR TAIWAN. THE BDG RECENTLY INFORMED A U.S. BUSINESSMAN THAT HE COULD NOT ESTABLISH AN ORIENTAL CARPET FACTORY HERE SINCE IT WOULD REQUIRE TAIWANESE PERSONNEL; AND AN AMERICAN ENGINEERING FIRM HERE WAS DENIED VISAS FOR TAIWANESE EMPLOYEES ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HOWEVER, WE KNOW OF ONE TAIWANESE EMPLOYEE OF A U.S. FIRM WHO HAS RESIDED IN BANGLADESH FOR SOME TIME, ALTHOUGH THE BDG IS ATTEMPTING TO REQUIRE HIS DEPARTURE. HE HAS A RE-ENTRY PERMIT ISSUED BY THE USG. ALSO, A SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN (SUBSEQUENTLY MARRIED TO AN AMERICAN) WAS ALLOWED ENTRY ON HER SOUTH AFRICAN PASSPORT.

B. LETTERS OF CREDIT ISSUED IN BANGLADESH SPECI-
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FICALLY STATE QUOTE DISPATCH ON RHODESIAN, SOUTH AFRICAN AND ISRAELI AIRCRAFT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED UNQUOTE. (SEE DACCA 2602 AND STATE 120190.) LANGUAGE ON THE L/C WILL VARY WITH THE MEANS OF SHIPMENT (I.E. AIRCRAFT, VESSELS, ETC.). IN ONE CASE THE L/C REQUIREMENT WAS REPHRASED TO STATE THAT SHIPMENT ONLY ON VESSELS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE VESSELS REGULARLY CALL

AT BANGLADESHI PORTS IS PERMITTED.

2. ALTHOUGH THE BDG BANS IMPORTS FROM RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA OR ISRAEL (REF C), NO ATTEMPT IS MADE TO PROSCRIBE BUSINESS RELATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS DOING BUSINESS IN BANGLADESH.

3. BANGLADESH'S BOYCOTT RULES REFLECT ITS DESIRE TO REMAIN ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE THIRD WORLD, THE ARABS, AND THE PRC.
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